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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 15, 2007 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT**  
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Sir:

This responds to the October 15, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** beginning at page 3 hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the October 15, 2007 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** beginning at page 5 hereof.